

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2014 AT 5:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**MAYOR:** Alfonso E. Ortiz, Jr.

**COUNCILORS:** Joey Herrera  
Tonita Gurule-Giroñ  
David L. Romero  
Vincent Howell

**ALSO PRESENT:** Elmer Martinez-Acting City Manager  
Casandra Fresquez-City Clerk  
Dave Romero, City Attorney  
Eugene Garcia-Sergeant at Arms

**CALL TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Mayor Ortiz, Jr. asked for a moment of silence to wish everyone in the community a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year on behalf of the City of Las Vegas. Mayor Ortiz, Jr. reminded everyone that life is too short, so we should take the opportunity to do good things for our community and to share kind words with one another.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Councilor Gurule-Giroń made a motion to approve the agenda as is. Councilor Romero seconded the motion. Mayor Ortiz, Jr. asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Vincent Howell	Yes	David L. Romero	Yes
Joey Herrera	Yes	Tonita Gurule-Giroń	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

### **PUBLIC INPUT**

None at this time.

### **BUSINESS ITEMS**

#### **1. Approval/Disapproval of City Attorney's Professional Service Contract.**

Mayor Ortiz, Jr. advised that City Attorney, Dave Romero's Professional Service Contract was up for renewal for a period of one year and added that it would run from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 and the base salary was at 100,734.00 a year. Mayor Ortiz, Jr. advised that it was an "at will" contract and recommended the renewal of Dave Romero's Professional Service Contract.

Councilor Gurule-Giroń made a motion to approve City Attorney's Professional Service Contract. Councilor Herrera seconded the motion.

Mayor Ortiz, Jr. advised there would be discussion before the vote would take place.

Discussion took place on the reappointing of City Attorney regarding Election Year 2016.

Councilor Gurule-Giroń had questions regarding the Batement Act and how it would affect future sucesors.



City Attorney Romero gave a brief overview of the Batement Act and how it would affect future successors to Council and thanked them for their support on the renewal of his contract.

Mayor Ortiz, Jr. asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Joey Herrera	Yes	David L. Romero	Yes
Vincent Howell	Yes	Tonita Gurule-Giroń	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

## 2. Approval/Disapproval of City Clerk's Professional Service Contract.

Mayor Ortiz, Jr. advised that City Clerk, Casandra Fresquez' Professional Service Contract was up for renewal for a period of one year with the base salary at \$65,083.00 a year and recommended the renewal of the City Clerk's Professional Service Contract.

Councilor Gurule-Giroń made a motion to approve the City Clerk's Professional Service Contract. Councilor Romero and Councilor Howell seconded the motion. Mayor Ortiz, Jr. asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Vincent Howell	Yes	Joey Herrera	Yes
Tonita Gurule-Giroń	Yes	David L. Romero	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

Mayor Ortiz, Jr. thanked the governing body and congratulated City Attorney Romero and City Clerk Fresquez on their reappointments.

## 3. Approval/Disapproval of Mayor's recommendation on appointment of Chief of Police and Professional Service Contract for a period of one year.



Mayor Ortiz, Jr. advised that in accordance with the City of Las Vegas, New Mexico Municipal Charter Section 5.06B, The Mayor shall appoint the Chief of Police, subject to Council approval.

Mayor Ortiz, Jr. informed that he had interviewed three of four Commanders; one chose not to be interviewed and advised he learned a lot about the candidates and felt they were all qualified for the position. Mayor Ortiz, Jr. advised that he was recommending Commander Juan Montano as Chief of Police for the City of Las Vegas Police Department with a base salary at \$67,687.00. Mayor Ortiz, Jr. asked for the support of the governing body as it would benefit the community.

Councilor Gurule-Giroń made a motion to approve and confirm the appointment of the Mayor’s recommendation of the Chief of Police and Professional Services Contract for a period of one year to Commander Juan Montano. Councilor Romero and Councilor Howell seconded the motion. Mayor Ortiz, Jr. asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David L. Romero	Yes	Tonita Gurule-Giroń	Yes
Joey Herrera	Yes	Vincent Howell	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

Mayor Ortiz, Jr. had well wishes for Commander Montano and advised that it was important to work together for the community and to move the city forward. Mayor Ortiz, Jr. thanked the Governing Body for their unanimous support in the three recommendations.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Acting City Manager Martinez advised there was no need for Executive Session and added that he wished Mayor Ortiz, Jr., Council and the community a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and hoped the holidays would be safe.

Chief of Police Juan Montano expressed his thanks to God for blessing him for the opportunity and also thanked Mayor and Council for their support. Chief of Police Montano advised he was looking forward to working with Acting City Manager Martinez and City Clerk Fresquez and thanked his family and all who supported

him in this process. Chief of Police Montano expressed his hopes of working closely with the Police Department in keeping the community safe and move the Police Department to the next level.

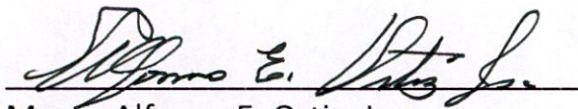
Mayor Ortiz, Jr. reminded everyone that these contracts are "at will" contracts and advised if the individual is not performing adequately for the community; another recommendation can be made at any time.

## **ADJOURN**

Councilor Gurule-Giron made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Howell and Councilor Herrera seconded the motion. Mayor Ortiz, Jr. asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

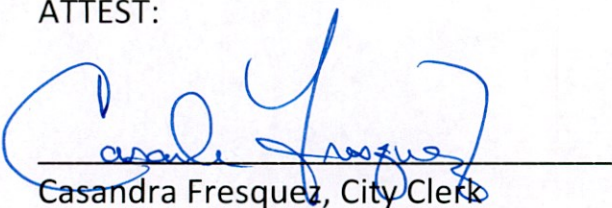
Tonita Gurule-Giron	Yes	Vincent Howell	Yes
Joey Herrera	Yes	David L. Romero	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.



Mayor Alfonso E. Ortiz, Jr.

ATTEST:

  
Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk